

Written Delegation For Public Works Meeting #: 24-005 Date: April 29, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m.

I am writing you today to as Co-Chair of Cycle Hamilton, we are opposed to the Motion 12.1 regarding Dewitt Road and Vicinity.

A quick survey of the area shows there is a Elementary School and a Elementary School on the section of Dewitt Road in question. There is strong support of 92% of Ontarians in favour of walking and cycling to school (Share The Road News Release 2023). This can't be done with infrastructure that is nothing more than paint in school zones. A buffered cycling lane will still have motorists using the lane for parking and school drop offs.

I understand the concern of connecting infrastructure, in the Accelerated Active Transportation Plan (PED24023 PW24002) it shows 8 projects coming up in Ward 10. This is a first step and should proceed as recommended by the Hamilton Cycling Committee.

The City conducted a Secondary Plan and one of the concerns in the neighbourhood was traffic speed. separated bike lanes have been proven to increase road safety for Cyclists, Pedestrians and motorists. Looking at the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 the desired design for roads with 50 km/h speed is separated bike lanes\cycle tracks and I would add that with the schools in the area they should be protected.

Lastly the City of Hamilton has declared an affordability\climate crisis so why wouldn't we be doing everything possible to maximize safety for those that choose to commute by bike.

Mark Anderson
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